PATENT APPLICATION
Docket No. 16351.1

In re application of		)
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Serial No.:	10/696,605	) Art Unit ) 3635
Filed:	October 30, 2003	) )
For:	Systems and Methods for Assembly of a Structural Component	) )
Confirmation No.:	6872	)
Examiner:	Jennifer I Thissell	)

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This communication is in response to Examiner's Office Action mailed February 10, 2006 (the "Office Action"). Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.